

#18

Amold

PATENT

S. Byce

9/15/03

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	Eckhard Alt
Application No.:	09/735401
Filed:	December 12, 2000
For:	Tubular Stent with Oval Struts
Examiner:	Michael Thaler
Group Art Unit:	3731

Mail Stop _____
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Docket No.: S63.2N-11056-US03

Amendment

This amendment is in response to the office action dated **June 10, 2003**.

If an extension of time is required to make this response timely and no separate petition is enclosed, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time sufficient to make the response timely. In the event that this response requires the payment of government fees and payment is not enclosed, please charge Deposit Account No. 22-0350.

Please amend the application as follows:

**RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER**

SEP 11 2003

OFFICIAL

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:	Alt
Application No.:	09/735,401
Filed:	December 12, 2000
For:	Tubular Stent with Oval Struts
Examiner:	Michael Thaler
Group Art Unit:	3731

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Docket No.: S63.2-11056-US

FACSIMILE TRANSMITTAL LETTER

TO: Examiner Thaler
FACSIMILE NO.: 703-872-9302
GROUP ART UNIT: 3731

DATE: September 10, 2003
TIME: _____

TOTAL NUMBER OF PAGES (including cover letter): 8

Following please find a 7 page Amendment and 1 page Facsimile Transmittal Letter.

If a fee is required, Commissioner of Patents is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 22-0350 for any required fees. To the extent that any petition is required to consider this communication, please treat this as such a petition.

Respectfully Submitted,

VIDAS, ARRETT & STEINKRAUS, P.A.

Date: September 10, 2003

By: _____

[Signature]
Jonathan Grad
Reg. No. 41,795

6109 Blue Circle Drive, Suite 2000
Minnetonka, MN 55343-9185
Telephone: (952) 563-3000
Facsimile: (952) 563-3001

Certificate of Transmission

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Fax No. 703-872-9302, on September 10, 2003.

Signature: _____

[Signature]
Jonathan Grad